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Motorcycle Accident



On 8 August 13:00 hrs behind Bldg.# 101 main dinning facility, a 27 year old soldier was aggressively driving his brand new BMW Motorcycle. Excessive speed and improper riding techniques contributed to the accident behind the DFAC. The soldier lost control and slid against the force protection concrete barrier. The force was enough to move the barrier 4 feet. The bike caught fire and was extinguished by an employee.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

The investigation revealed the soldier was “showing off” on his motorcycle to impress three coworkers on break. Driving at excessive speed the soldier accelerated in front of the group and lost control during a left turn while over correcting.

ACCIDENT RESULTS

- Soldier broke two ribs and received numerous abrasions.
- Lost Work Days
- Brand new motorcycle was totally damaged and caught fire.
- Damage to Government and private property.
- Soldier had been warned of driving speeds before.

Recommendations / Lessons learned

- **Never** make motorcycle riding a “SHOW”; No Horseplay!
- Become familiar with a new motorcycle
- Practice riding in a safe open area
- Drive slowly; especially in parking areas

“FIGHT THE RISK “



Struck force protection barrier

